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SUB STANDARD SEEDS AND COTTON PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton production is affected severely due to inferior/spurious/sub- standard cotton seeds available in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the cotton seed producers who are responsible for marketing inferior/spurious/sub-standard cotton seeds to the farming community?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): No Sir.Cotton production has increased substantially during the last three years as stated below:-

Year	Area (in lakh Ha.)	Production (in lakh bales)	Yield (in kg./Ha.)
2004-05	87.87	164.29	318
2005-06	86.77	184.99	362
2006-07	91.42	226.96	422

To curtail sale of inferior/spurious/sub-standard seeds, the selling points are regularly inspected by notified seed inspectors and the samples of all crops including cotton are drawn to check the quality. The inferior/spurious/sub-standard seeds are stopped from sale and legal actions are initiated against the defaulter under the relevant provisions of the Seeds Act, 1966.

The action taken under the Seeds Act, 1966 against those who sold sub-standard seed including cotton seed during the last three years is at Annexure-I.